

THE JEWISH ROOTS OF CHRISTIANITY

JROC – Jesus the Jewish Messiah

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God had promised the Messiah to the world through the Jewish people (Gen. 12:3)...and God laid out approx. 300 ways for the Jewish people to recognize the Messiah when He came.

- The Messiah would be born (Isa. 7:14; Isa. 9:6). He would come into the world through the Jewish line (Dt. 18:15-18)
- The Messiah would be born in Bethlehem Ephrathah (Micah 5:2 - *But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.*)
- The Messiah would perform miracles (Isa. 35:5-6). He would heal the lame. He would heal the blind. He would cast out demons (Zech. 13:2).
- The Messiah would be crucified (Psa. 22; Isa. 53).
- The Messiah would rise from the dead (Psa. 16:10)

WHO IS THIS?

Jesus – Yeshua (Heb. – God is salvation).

When we say, “Jesus Christ,” we are actually saying, “Jesus the Messiah.”

Messiah comes from the Hebrew word *mashiach* and means “anointed.” The root word for the Hebrew word, *mashiach*, means “to smear.” Oil was smeared on the forehead to anoint a person for a specific function in Israel. Anointing was a picture of, a sign that God was consecrating or setting apart that person for a particular role in serving Him.

In the OT, those “anointed”:

prophets – I Kings 19:16

priests – Lev. 4:3; Lev. 8:12

kings - I Sam. 9:27-10:1; I Sam. 16:1, 12-13; I Kings 1:39

There were many who were anointed in OT times...anointed as prophet, priest, or king.

BUT, the OT prophesied a coming Deliverer to redeem Israel (Isaiah 42:1; 61:1–3). This Deliverer the Jews called “THE Messiah” – THE anointed One, “His Anointed” (Psa. 2:2).

And, “THE” Messiah would fulfill the roles of a prophet, priest, and king – Jesus fulfills all three roles!

...PROPHET – the prophets from the Bible had a WORD from God – a MESSAGE from God.

Jesus is the Word (Jn. 1:1 – “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word is God”

...PRIEST – Priests offered up sacrifices to God.

Jesus offered up HIMSELF – for the sin of the world.

...AND Jesus is the ultimate sacrifice for SIN!

...KING – Jesus will be returning at His physical Second Coming in the future as King of Kings and Lord of Lords (Rev. 19).

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“Anointed” in the Greek language is *Christos* or, in English, *Christ*. The name “Jesus Christ” is the same as “Jesus the Messiah.”

Why is there the need for the Messiah? Because man sinned!

When I noted the PROFILE of the Messiah, from where did I take the Biblical passages?
From the HEBREW SCRIPTURES!
Isn't that most INSIGHTFUL?

In fact, Jesus' Bible from which He read during His ministry on earth – His Bible was the OT/the Tanakh/the Hebrew Scriptures!